

## Message Text

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INFO AMEMBASSY RABAT IMMEDIATE

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RABAT FOR DAO

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PBOR, AG

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED BALLOON IN ALGERIAN AIR SPACE

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED URGENT CALL FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY REQUESTING INFORMATION CONCERNING UNIDENTIFIED BALLOON THAT HAS BEEN SIGHTED IN ALGERIAN AIR SPACE. BALLOON, WHICH FIRST SIGHTED JANUARY 25 OVER ORANIE, NOW HEADED SOUTH, AND MINISTRY OF DEFENSE (WHICH ONLY NOTIFIED MFA TODAY) PREPARED TO TAKE MEASURES TO BRING IT DOWN. FIRST MFA WISHES TO KNOW IF THERE ANYONE ON BAORD, WHAT IT IS CARRYING, AND WHAT IS PURPOSE OF THE FLIGHT.

2. MFA BELIEVES THIS BALLOON FLIGHT CONNECTED WITH REQUEST MADE BY TIME MAGAZINE TEAM ON DECEMBER 31, 1974 FOR ALGERIAN VISAS TO FOLLOW TRANSATLANTIC BALLOON FLIGHT ORIGINATING IN LOS ANGELES. TIME TEAM COMPOSED OF HAROLD STANLEY KAPNER, DANIEL WYNNE, AND RANDALL CARPENTER. EMBASSY EXPLAINED TO MFA THAT TIME TEAM PROBABLY GETTING READY TO FOLLOW ABORTED FORBES BALLOON FLIGHT, BUT MFA NOT CONVINCED. WOULD THUS APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ADDEES CAN UNEARTH  
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CONCERNING THIS BALLOON. DID TIME TEAM REQUEST VISAS

FOR FORBES FLIGHT? REQUEST IMMEDIATE REPLY.PARKER

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